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CRYSTALLINE SILICON FILM

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated February 22, 2006, please consider the following remarks which begin on page 2.